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July 15, 1997

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 596

Earl E. Hoellen, President International Uranium (USA) Corporation Independence Plaza, Suite 950 1050 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80265

Re:

Formal Approval of Form and Amount of Replacement Reclamation Sureties, International Uranium Corporation ("IUC") ,LaSal/Snowball Mine, M/037/026 and Rim/Columbus Mine, M/037/006, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hoellen:

On June 12, 1997, IUC provided the Division with replacement Reclamation Contracts and Surety Bonds for the LaSal/Snowball Mine and the Rim/Columbus Mine. These reclamation sureties were last approved by the Board on January 22, 1997. Since both these sureties had been updated six months ago to year 2002 dollars, the Division did not need to adjust the surety amounts for a change in the surety company and the form of surety. There are no changes to the approved mining and reclamation plan associated with these replacement sureties.

For this type of surety transaction, the Division Director is allowed to accept the sureties on behalf of the Board. On July 10, 1997, the Division accepted and formally approved of the replacement surety bonds issued by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg Pa. which replaces the LOC's issued by Norwest Bank Colorado. Surety Bond # in the amount of \$165,900 replaces LOC # for the LaSal/Snowball Mine. Surety Bond #; "in the amount of \$44,100 replaces LOC # for the Rim/Columbus Mine.

Enclosed please find copies of the fully signed and executed Reclamation Contracts and Surety Bonds for your files. Also enclosed are the original LOC's # and # and the original Reclamation Contracts with the effective date of January 22, 1997, for your disposal.

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Thank you and Vicki Hoffsetz for your assistance in finalizing these permitting actions. Please call me or Joelle Burns if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos

Senior Reclamation Specialist

Author A. Jelling

cc:

Enclosure: (2) copies MR-RC dated 7/10/97; copies MR-6 #16-67-29 & 18-23-15

(2) original MR-RC's dated 1/22/97; Original LOC's # and; Sal Venticinque, BLM, Grand RA w/copies of both 7/10/97 MR-RC's and sureties

Mark Sommers, USFS, Monticello RD w/copies of LaSal/Snowball 7/10/97 MR-RC and surety

Vicki Hoffsetz, IUC

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